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UNH adds 'brewing' minor

By **ELIZABETH CLEMENTE**
NEWS EDITOR

The craft beer industry is booming in New Hampshire, and UNH is paying attention.

According to a report released by UNH Media Relations, the university is set to open an analytical testing lab and pilot brewing system as well as offer a professional development certificate program and brewing minor to students.

P.T. Vasudevan, professor of chemical engineering at UNH's College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS), said graduates have been accepting jobs in the beer industry for decades.

"Since the late '90s, some of our chemical engineering graduates have landed jobs [at] Anheuser-Busch and other brewing companies," he said. "So, this has been an idea in the making for many years."

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Gandhi's grandson a 'peace farmer'

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Arun Gandhi, grandson of icon Mahatma Gandhi, came to speak at UNH on Wednesday night as a part of the MUB's Current Issues Lecture Series.

Several organizations worked together to bring the peace and non-violence speaker to UNH, including Amnesty International, STAND, the Memorial Union Building, Residential Life, and Hillel.

Margaret Quick, UNH sophomore and STAND president, was excited to have Gandhi speak for the community in order to "educate" and "empower" individuals in the audience on the peace movement.

"You don't see a lot of compassion right now," Quick said. "What we're trying to promote as an organization is his exact message that we need to bring humanity back to humanity."

During the talk, Gandhi shared his grandfather's philosophies on peace that were passed down onto him. Gandhi considers himself to be a "peace farmer," planting seeds in the minds of individuals to "transform the world and make it a more peaceful one."

Gandhi's focus was on a wide range of issues related to peace and non-violence. He spoke of anger and the dangers that come along with it. Gandhi told the story of how he was sent to live with his grandfather in India after he became angry that he was facing discrimination while living in South Africa. With the help of his grandfather, he learned how to control his anger by understanding the nature behind it.



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Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, spoke to students about peace Wednesday night in the MUB.

ing the nature behind it.

Gandhi also spent time discussing passive violence, which is "the fuel that ignites physical violence." He shared how his

grandfather told him that passive acts of violence are committed-

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Panel discusses disability issues

By **ETHAN HOGAN**
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The Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities and Disability Services for Students believes that engaging the student body in discussion about students with disabilities can be a beneficial experience to all.

The commission is working to make the campus experience more accessible and manageable for all residents of the university. A panel of students with varying disabilities was held on Wednesday in the MUB to discuss these issues.

"Last winter was a real challenge," said Georgia Kerns, co-chair of the commission, about the difficulty people with mobility issues had as a result of the storms last winter.

According to Kerns, students who needed personal care attendants to get out of bed and to get food were stranded in their dorm rooms because the personal care attendants could not get to them.

"They couldn't eat, they couldn't get out of bed, they couldn't shower, they couldn't get dressed because they need someone to help them do that," said Kerns.

The commission worked with the campus police to design a plan for these situations. In the event of a snow storm the campus police will escort the personal care attendants to the individuals who need personal care. However, according to Kerns, this winter did not have adequate snow fall for the plan to be properly tested.

Not every problem associated with disabilities is so obvious. Some students have conditions that you wouldn't know they had by looking at them. The panel

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- UNH IT: Coffee Talk Series on Social Media, MUB, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
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- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House- Jerry Azumah Strength Center, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
- Biological Sciences Seminar, Spaulding Hall G70, 12 - 1 p.m.
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UNH associate professor Julia Rodriguez discusses her memories of Sept. 11, 2001, and the impact the day had on her family.

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Recently, New Hampshire’s beer industry has expanded to new heights. The report mentions that there are more than 50 operating breweries in the state alone, which is a higher number than what existed in the entire country 40 years ago. Vasudevan said the creators of the initiative believe UNH’s new resources will equip students with skills necessary to meet the industry’s high demand.

“The creation of an analytical testing laboratory will provide a key resource to the craft beer industry in the state,” Vasudevan said. “More importantly, students from different academic backgrounds will be able to take advantage of the minor and get internships and jobs in the state.”

According to the report, the university purchased the equipment for the pilot brewing system, which will be operated by the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA), from a “small local brewery” that expanded recently. Aside from student use, the report states local breweries will also be allowed to rent the equipment for “testing and experimentation.”

Vasudevan said the idea for the brewing minor arose from discussions between his department and “colleagues from COLSA, Cooperative Extension, UNHInnovation and others,” and

that there are currently no plans to expand the minor into a major option.

Marc Sedam, who serves as the associate vice provost for Innovation and New Ventures and is the managing director of UNHInnovation, said the industry’s expansion goes beyond New Hampshire; it is evident on a national level.

“The brewing industry has grown from just under 40 operating breweries in the entire U.S. in the late ‘70s to over 3,500 today, and the growth in N.H. is remarkable,” Sedam said. “We want to be responsive to industry needs proactively whenever we can.”

Sedam added that UNHInnovation thought the program would be a good idea because it is an exciting prospect for the UNH community.

“UNHInnovation is all about bringing ideas to life,” Sedam said. “Whether those ideas are from students, faculty, or staff, we want to promote and support the passion behind those ideas from concept to reality whenever we can. And, people tend to be passionate about beer.”

According to the report, UNH Professional Development and Training will kick off the initiative with a five-day, non-credit course called “Craft Brewery Startup Workshop: The Business of Beer.” More information about the course will be available after registration opens on March 30. Both the lab and pilot plant are set to open in early 2017.

“As I am coming out of this iceberg state, my brain is thawing and I am becoming a person again,” said DePierro.

DePierro also spoke on what it was like deciding his path in life after the accident.

“I am struggling between two parts of me, one that says ‘Do this, it’s what you want to do’ and the other part that says ‘Do what you have been genetically pre-disposed to do’,” said DePierro.

Dave Zamansky, the assistant director of the MUB, was given the 2016 UNH President’s Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities Award for his efforts in making the campus a more comfortable and accessible place for all.

The panel also included Rebecca Robichaud who has chronic pain and Kevin Ennis who has mobility issues because of his condition. Both students acknowledged the accommodations that the university has made available.

The panel members’ individual conditions were not discussed at length. Instead, the panel discussed how they have personally coped and how the university has given them the opportunity to learn.

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consciously and unconsciously every day. This generates anger in the victim, and this anger leads to physical violence. He also equated passive violence with discrimination, oppression, and wasting resources. He declared the latter as the “worst form of violence.”

“Imagine how many billions of people could be fed with that waste?” Gandhi asked the audience.

Gandhi also touched upon the importance of acting out of compassion, and not pity. Bor-

rowing his grandfather’s words, Gandhi said that we must “become the change we wish to see in the world.”

Nicole Pelizza, UNH senior, came to the lecture out of curiosity and was “inspired” by his messages.

“Gandhi is such a big figure in the whole peace movement,” Pelizza said. “I really liked his ideas on passive violence and loved everything that he had to say.”

UNH sophomore Sriyaa Shah was initially drawn to the lecture because of her background, along with his worldviews.

“I personally came because I’m an Indian and I know what his family did for my country,” Shah

said. “They fought for equality for women’s rights and for better education.”

After the lecture, Gandhi took questions from the audience. Some of the questions he received were on spirituality, systemic oppression, the United Nations, and even the presidential candidates. Gandhi also commented on why it is so important for young students to care about peace.

“The young people are going to be leaders of tomorrow and the leaders of this world,” Gandhi said. “I’m just hoping that, like a farmer, I go out and plant seeds of peace and young people will think about and let it germinate so change will take place.”

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Weisgerber '04 talks war reporting in the age of ISIS

By **HADLEY
BARNDOLLAR**
STAFF WRITER

It was an infamous day in 2001 that caused Marcus Weisgerber to take a look at his career path.

Weisgerber, a 2004 UNH alum, was enrolled in a writing class when the World Trade Center collapsed. A Long Island native, many of Weisgerber's family and friends were directly impacted by the tragedy that struck the nation. He looked to his cousin, who escaped from the attack, and asked if he could tell her story.

Now the global business reporter for DefenseOne in Washington D.C., Weisgerber returned to UNH on Tuesday as the 2016 Donald Murray Visiting Journalist. Weisgerber reports on the intersection between

national security and business. He's reported from Afghanistan, the Middle East, Europe and Asia, usually traveling alongside the defense secretary and U.S. military officials.

"The first bit of military reporting I ever did was embed with the New Hampshire National Guard and cover Hurricane Katrina," Weisgerber said of his time working for Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover. From there, he climbed the ladder, going from *NewsDay* to Defense-News to Inside Defense.

"I only know how to write about the military when they are at war," he said, noting that the United States has been at war for 15 years.

Weisgerber spoke on how the war with ISIS is different than any war the U.S. has fought.

"It's nearly impossible for journalists to get into Syria," he

said. "And if you do, there is a big chance something bad is going to happen to you."

He emphasized how the position of an "embed" has changed since the conditions have worsened in the Middle East.

"One of my colleagues, who has done numerous embeds, told me that if you screw up in Iraq or Afghanistan, you could get by," he said. "If you screw up in Syria, you're just dead."

Weisgerber showed photos of Raqqa, Syria, which is deemed the ISIS "capital." The conditions appeared unlivable and devastating.

The Pentagon beat is the most collegial press corps in Washington, according to Weisgerber.

"Everybody is after the same goal," he said. "Everyone wants the truth." He spends a lot of time going through gov-



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(Above) Marcus Weisgerber ('04) in action.

ernment documents, which can take months or years to "connect the dots." Press conferences, speech coverage and intensive research are also part of the job.

Weisgerber's advice to

UNH journalism students was simple.

"Never stop digging, keep asking questions. Ask hard ones."

Bills aims to bridge gaps in child protection system

By **HOLLY RAMER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — A trio of bills aimed at protecting New Hampshire's abused and neglected children got a favorable reception from a Senate committee on Tuesday, though the chairman questioned whether one measure would give police and state workers too much access to sensitive information.

The Health and Human Services Committee held public hearings on bills that would require the Division of Children, Youth and Families to keep records on file for longer periods of times, would give police and DCYF workers more time to prepare for initial court hearings after children are removed from homes

and would allow DCYF and police to access a child's medical records once an investigation is underway.

Those bills, along with another that is up for a vote on Thursday, were developed by the Commission on Child Abuse Fatalities, a group of lawmakers, state officials and advocates.

DCYF has faced increased scrutiny since the deaths of two toddlers. Twenty-one-month-old Sadence Willott of Manchester died Sept. 6, and her mother has since been charged with second-degree murder. In Nashua, Katlyn Marin is charged with beating her 3-year-old daughter, Brielle Gage, to death in November 2014.

Rebecca Ross, a senior assistant attorney general and member of the commission, said together,

the four bills aim to bridge the gaps between law enforcement, medical providers and the child protection system.

"What we need is more communication and more resources and tools to make sure everyone has accurate information" to do their jobs, she said.

The committee chairman, Republican Sen. Andy Sanborn of Bedford, questioned whether the third bill was necessary because investigators already can get a child's medical records by going to court and getting a warrant.

But the bill's supporters, including several police officers who testified, said that can take a long time, particularly if a judge decides to review the records before granting access. In most cases, a parent will grant access

to the records, but that is not the case when the parent may be the abuser.

"I think we would use this fairly sparingly, when the suspects are guardians who are denying us the records," said Lt. Nicole Ledoux, who supervises the Juvenile Unit at the Manchester Police Department. "There is no other crime I can think of where the perpetrator controls the evidence that may help you determine what happened to the victim."

Under the first bill, reports deemed unnecessary to investigate would be kept for seven years instead of one, reports deemed unfounded after an investigation would be kept for 10 years instead of three and reports deemed credible would be kept indefinitely instead of for seven years.

Sanborn suggested that records should be destroyed after a child turns 18, but supporters of the bill noted that the goal is be able to see potential patterns of abuse. The records could help an abused child bring civil claims against an abuser once he or she becomes an adult, they said, or could help prevent a grandparent who abused his or her children from later being given custody of a grandchild.

Sen. David Boutin, a Hooksett Republican, and chairman of the commission that wrote the bills, called them critical steps toward making the state safer for children.

"I think we wish we could all wave a wand and this problem would go away, but that's not possible," he said.

NH student expulsion rate findings, far below national average

By **HOLLY RAMER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — Students are far less likely to be expelled from school in New Hampshire than elsewhere, according to a new report, while the frequency with which students are suspended out of school is more in line with national trends.

From 2010 to 2014, the national expulsion rate of 2.7 percent was more than 100 times higher than New Hampshire's rate, which was .02 percent for middle and high school students, the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire found. The study's authors said Wednesday they don't know why there is such a big difference and urged policymakers and education officials to use the data to delve more deeply into the issue.

New Hampshire schools were closer to the national averages in other forms of exclusionary discipline. For example, 10.1 percent of secondary school students nationally were suspended out of school in 2011-12, compared to 9 percent in New Hamp-

shire.

There were considerable differences, however, in how often individual schools suspended students. The rate of in-school suspension at urban middle and high schools was 14 percent, or twice as high as the rate for non-urban schools. Students in urban schools were given out-of-school suspensions three times as often as their peers at urban schools.

"The most important function of any behavior management program is the founding of relationships between students and staff."

David Ryan

Assistant superintendent in Manchester

"There's something going on in urban schools and their likelihood to turn to these practices that is very real," said researcher Douglas Gagnon.

David Ryan, assistant superintendent in Manchester, said all schools in his district have implemented programs that use alternatives to suspen-

sion and positive reinforcement to encourage better behavior. In middle schools, suspension is a last resort unless the student's behavior is dangerous, coming after counseling, meetings with the principal and other steps.

In high schools, students are rewarded for good citizenship, and assistant principals work hard to maintain positive relationships with students, he said.

"The most important func-

Carsey researchers found that male students, minorities and students who are from low-income families, have disabilities or are homeless, were more likely to experience "high exclusionary discipline:" five or more days of out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Suspension and expulsion rates began to rise in the 1980s and 1990s as schools adopted "zero-tolerance" policies that mandated discipline for certain offenses. But research since then has shown that students subjected to such discipline are more likely to drop out or become involved with the juvenile justice system, and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has identified disparities in its use by race and disability.

Last summer, the department organized a White House summit on decreasing the use of such discipline.

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Professor remembers brother and reflects on 9/11

By **MARK KOBZIK**
STAFF WRITER

UNH associate professor Julia Rodriguez arrived to her child’s day care on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 to find several parents talking about planes hitting the World Trade Centers. Immediately, Rodriguez had a bad feeling. Her brother worked in World Trade Tower One.

She rushed home, listening to National Public Radio on her way. The phone lines were jammed and she couldn’t get a hold of her parents or brother. When Rodriguez finally heard back from her mother, all her mother knew was that Gregory Rodriguez, an employee of Cantor Fitzgerald, had left a voicemail telling her there was an accident at work, he was okay and

that to tell his wife that he loved her. To this day they do not know what the accident was and what exactly happened to him. But Julia and her family would later find out that Gregory was one of 2,969 victims to die that day from the Al-Qaeda attack.

Every year, Julia’s parents would have some type of memorial for their dead son and Julia usually travels to New York to join them. She has never gone to any of the memorials that have been made and instead keeps her mourning private. Years later, a program was set up to send the families of the victims down to Guantanamo Bay to see the pre-trial proceedings of the alleged perpetrators. The Office of Military Commissions invited Julia and her mother down just a few

months ago.

Guantanamo Bay has been a United States military base for more than a century. After the Spanish-American War, the US took over many nations either directly or indirectly, and after the Cuban revolution in 1951, Guantanamo was still held by the U.S. After Sept. 11, a prison camp was set up there and the alleged perpetrators of Sept. 11 and other alleged terrorists were held and interrogated for years. Many have been found not guilty or completely innocent, others are still there awaiting trial or are in the middle of trials. Dozens have been deemed appropriate for release. Julia, her mother, and about eight other members of different families were allowed to view the trials from behind glass.

“After Sept. 11, the Bush administration had completely mishandled the situation. I knew that the people who had murdered my brother were criminals, but I wanted the government to bring them real justice,” Julia said. “There should have been national cooperation to bring them to justice. My parents and family felt the same way.”

Julia feels the Obama administration inherited a tough situation and that moving the Sept. 11 Five, the alleged masterminds behind the attack, is highly unlikely. If convicted they will face the death penalty. Julia’s problem is how the U.S is carrying out the prosecution and the detainment of the prisoners.

Julia said, “What’s the law? We should do the law. We should

prosecute them in the United States. But that’s not going to happen for the Sept. 11 Five. The law should be upheld. After Sept. 11 we abandoned a lot of our principles.”

It is now almost 15 years later since the terrorist attack in which almost 3,000 Americans lost their lives. Since then, the Bush administration went into two wars, thousands have died, and trillions of dollars have been spent, and numbers of war crimes were committed. The Middle East is still enmeshed in many wars and factions leaving much of that region in chaos. The Obama administration has done little to reverse that course. The justice and law that Julia and thousands of others are looking for is still pending.

Man who killed friend’s abusive stepdad wants sentence cut

STAFF REPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — A man who pleaded guilty to fatally shooting a friend’s abusive stepfather in a case that went unsolved for more than 20 years is asking for a sentence reduction.

In 2006, Eric Windhurst, of Hopkinton, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the 1985 death of Danny Paquette in Hooksett and was sentenced to a 15- to 36-year prison term. He’s served

about 10 years.

WMUR-TV reports that his lawyer has petitioned a Merrimack County judge under a law that allows for a reduced sentence after serving two thirds of the minimum. The lawyer said Windhurst isn’t a threat and has worked to improve himself.

The state has 30 days to file an objection. Paquette’s brother, Victor Paquette, calls the request a slap in the face.

“He’s where he deserves to be for sure. So we’d like to keep

him there for every day possible,” Victor Paquette said.

Windhurst was 17 when the shooting happened. He’s now 48.

Windhurst said he was trying to protect Melanie Paquette, a fellow student at Hopkinton High School.

Melanie Paquette said her stepfather had raped and abused her, and she was afraid he’d do it again. She had recently returned from Alaska, where her mother had moved after ending an abusive marriage to Danny Paquette.

Court documents released after Windhurst pleaded guilty indicated that he also had learned of sexual abuse in his own family, and that anger over that probably led to the shooting.

Prosecutors said Melanie Paquette didn’t believe Windhurst would shoot her stepfather until Windhurst called her on that morning in November 1985, telling her he was going to “do it.” She went with him.

Afterward, Windhurst and Paquette agreed that if anyone

questioned them, they would say they had spent the day at a field hockey game in Plymouth. They eventually confided in others, but Danny Paquette’s death nevertheless went unsolved for years. Investigators got a break in 2004, when Melanie Paquette agreed to cooperate. She served a 15-month sentence on a charge of hindering arrest.



Lawmaker accused of trying to lure teen into sex encounter

By **KATHY McCORMACK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — A state representative was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of trying to lure a 14-year-old girl into a sexual encounter.

Rep. Kyle Tasker sent the girl, an acquaintance, inappropriate messages online before police took control of her social media account and agreed to the meeting, investigators said.

Tasker, a 30-year-old Republican from Nottingham, sent text messages about the encounter while attending a House committee meeting, a police affidavit said. He tried to meet the girl Tuesday at a secluded beach but was greeted by law enforcement, authorities said.

After his arrest, police searched his home and said they found brownies cooked with marijuana, hallucinogenic mushrooms and other drugs.

Messages seeking comment on the accusations were left for Tasker and his attorney. He was arraigned in Candia on three drug charges and one count of using a computer to lure a child, all felonies. His bail was set at \$250,000.

House Speaker Shawn Jasper, a Republican, removed Tasker from the House Children and Family Law Committee and suggested that he resign.

“Representative Tasker is facing serious charges that, if true, are beyond the bounds of human decency,” Jasper said.

Jennifer Horn, New Hampshire Republican Party chair, called the charges “troubling and disgusting” and said Tasker should immediately resign.

Tasker, who is serving his third term, made headlines in 2012 when he dropped his gun on the floor of a state building as he prepared to attend a committee hearing.

Police said their investigation began with a complaint from the teen’s mother in January saying the girl met Tasker at a breakfast, friended him on Facebook and began receiving inappropriate messages from him.

The mother told police he had asked the girl how old she was. When she replied 14, he responded, “girls like you can get me in trouble,” she said. She said he also said he could get alcohol or marijuana for the girl and proposed a three-way sexual encounter.

By the end of January, the girl and her mother agreed to the undercover operation and police took control of the girl’s Facebook account. The conversations began as idle chatter, with a police detective reaffirming the girl’s age.

Communication from Tasker later contained suggestive language about drugs and sex, authorities said. The affidavit said he also sent graphic images and a video depicting oral sex.



NH Brief

State to monitor after study finds rare cancer cluster, officials say

RYE — A state health official says the state is monitoring after a study found a cluster of cases of a rare form of a pediatric cancer in southeastern New Hampshire.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan says they didn’t find any behavioral or environmental risk factors deemed a contributor to the “small excess number of cases.”

The report published last month was launched after a child in Rye was diagnosed in early 2014. The study found less than five cases in the area over a decade. That’s still higher than average. The study didn’t indicate a link.

Chan says he hopes the community is reassured because there haven’t been any connections to any widespread contamination. The state plans to re-evaluate the number of cancer cases in 2017.

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The mysterious case of Jeffrey, the missing plant

By **MICHAEL VALOTTO**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On the cold Monday evening of Feb. 22, Jacob Reny sat down at his big square desk and began his nightly shift in the OSIL room at the MUB. As Reny was grabbing some keys out of a drawer, he heard fellow OSIL staff member Will McKernan scream, “Where the hell is Jeffrey!” Panic ensued in the confines of the OSIL room as the two of them, in a state of utmost hysteria, rushed around the room in search of their six-month-old bamboo plant, Jeffrey.

Gena Kalampalikis was Jeffrey’s original adoptive mother.

After she graduated from UNH in 2015, she entrusted the OSIL group to protect and care for her innocent little bamboo shoot. At that point in time, Jeffrey’s leaves were just only brimming out of his glass pot.

Jeffrey did not come alone. Kalampalikis also mothered another bamboo plant named Larry, who in turn was the brother of Jeffrey. Sadly, Larry succumbed to the same fate prior to his brother’s disappearance, as he has been missing since early fall.

“Larry and Jeffrey are not replaceable!” McKernan exclaimed, adding that, “you cannot replace a member of our MUB

love community.”

The ordeal with Larry occurred back in the fall before classes officially began, and the arrival of the freshman class created much “foot traffic” in the MUB, but nothing seemed to be out of the norm. “Larry represented the community well, he was a great Wildcat,” Reny said of the plant.

In reference to the freshmen, Reny said “We didn’t know them yet,” and sure enough, when the MUB training day came around, Larry was gone.

Reny and McKernan were both under the impression that the bamboo plants were in a “safe

place.”

When asked if these two separate incidents could be connected, McKernan responded by saying, “It is not outside the realm of possibility that their plant-napping could be connected.” He added, “I don’t think a bamboo plant just sprouted legs and walked off at his own volition.”

Both Larry and Jeffrey experienced exceptional lives up until the time of their disappearances. The two of them lived upon Reny’s desk, right next to each other. They were always watered, which kept them a vibrant green and Reny noted that they “always had people talking to them.” Ac-

cording to McKernan “The MUB love poured out onto them.”

After the disappearance of Jeffrey, Reny noted that “Everyone showed much concern, and we all sat down and had some emotional talks about him.”

McKernan’s biggest fear is that Jeffrey is no longer growing, and Reny said “he could be in the the back of a car somewhere...if your’re out there Jeffrey, we love you, come home.”

McKernan, with a sense of hope, added, “Jeffrey, we desperately miss you, and we hope that you are still growing well, and we hope you return to your MUB community.”

New England cod fishermen face new cost, fear future

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — Some of New England’s embattled cod fishermen say they might go out of business because of a new cost the federal government is about to impose on them on Tuesday.

Fishermen of important commercial species such as New England cod and haddock must pay the cost of fishing monitors under new rules scheduled to take effect Tuesday. The monitors, whose

services can cost more than \$700 per day, collect data to help determine future fishing quotas.

The federal government had been paying the bill, but fishing regulators say there isn’t enough money to do so anymore because of other obligations within the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Fishermen, advocates for the industry and a host of New England politicians have said the cost will sink a fleet already struggling with tight catch quotas and dwindling cod populations. Some

fishermen also say a cutback in fishing by New England’s fleet could make popular food species, including flounder, hake and pollock, less available to consumers.

“Somebody’s got to catch it,” said Terry Alexander, a Harpswell, Maine, fisherman who is trying to manage the new cost. “We’re going to have to figure our way around it. The law is the law.”

The shift in cost is happening at a time when scientists say the cod stock off New England has collapsed. The Atlantic cod

catch sometimes topped 100 million pounds per year in the 1980s, but it fell to about 5 million in 2013 and 2014. Catch quotas have plummeted in that time.

Some scientists have tied the cod’s decline to climate change. A report in Science magazine says the warming of the Gulf of Maine, which sped up from 2004 to 2013, reduced the fish’s capacity to rebound from fishing.

The fishing monitors will accompany New England’s groundfishermen 20 percent of

the time, said Jennifer Goebel, a spokeswoman for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The change has been the subject of a lawsuit filed by fishermen in federal court in Concord, New Hampshire, who want to block the cost shift. A judge’s ruling on the lawsuit is expected in about a week.

Goebel said federal officials are awaiting the ruling. Stephen Schwartz, the attorney for the fishermen, declined to comment.

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No charges for students behind racial slurs at Texas A&M

STAFF REPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — No charges will be filed after an incident at Texas A&M University in which black high school students touring campus reported being subjected to racial slurs and taunts, the university said Wednesday.

University police said in a statement that they closed their investigation into the Feb. 9 incident after interviewing several witnesses, including the high school students and teachers on the tour.

One Texas A&M student allegedly approached two of the high school students and told them to look at her Confederate flag earrings. According to police reports released Wednesday, other A&M students shouted, “Go back where you came from,” and used a slur.

But several Texas A&M students denied using or hearing the slur, or shouting anything at the tour group other than, “Howdy,” a common greeting on campus. One student acknowledged heckling a high school student about wearing a University of Texas backpack — a reference to A&M’s biggest rival.

No video of the incident has emerged.

“We have no proof of who may have said it,” wrote a local prosecutor in a report released Wednesday as part of the police investigative file.

One student has left the university since the incident, Texas A&M President Michael K.

Young told *The Associated Press* on Wednesday. But Young declined to say whether the student was expelled or if any others were disciplined, citing a federal law on student privacy.

About 90 miles outside of Houston, Texas A&M is one of the largest and most prestigious universities in the state. Its student body is just 3.4 percent African-American, and black student leaders have described hearing insensitive comments on campus and in online forums.

The university has announced several programs in response to the incident. All incoming students will now attend mandatory seminars on diversity, and student group leaders will be required to undergo training on “conducting effective dialogues and meaningful conflict resolution,” Young said in a letter to students.

University students also organized a campaign to send thousands of handwritten apology notes to the high school whose students had been touring campus.

Young said he hoped to reach everyone on campus, particularly students who might not want to discuss diversity or racial insensitivity on their own.

But, he added: “There’s no magic bullet. There’s nothing I can put in the water that everybody has to drink, and all of a sudden everybody’s going to understand.”

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Pioneering Oklahoma energy CEO dies in fiery car crash

By SEAN MURPHY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Aubrey McClendon, a natural gas industry titan, was killed when police say he drove his sport utility vehicle “straight into a wall” in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, a day after he was indicted on a charge of conspiring to rig bids to buy oil and natural gas leases in northwest Oklahoma.

Police Capt. Paco Balderrama said McClendon, co-founder of Chesapeake Energy and a part-owner of the NBA’s Oklahoma City Thunder, was the only occupant in the vehicle when it slammed into a concrete bridge embankment shortly after 9 a.m.

“He pretty much drove straight into the wall,” Balderrama said. “The information out there at the scene is that he went left of center, went through a grassy area right before colliding into the embankment. There was

plenty of opportunity for him to correct and get back on the roadway and that didn’t occur.”

McClendon’s death follows an announcement Tuesday that he had been indicted by a federal grand jury.

Balderrama says it’s too early to say whether the collision was intentional. He said McClendon was not wearing a seat belt and that he was driving faster than the 50 mph speed limit.

The Department of Justice said in a statement Tuesday that McClendon, 56, was suspected of orchestrating a scheme between two large energy companies, which are not named in the indictment, from December 2007 to March 2012. The companies would decide ahead of time who would win bids, with the winner then allocating an interest in the leases to the other company, according to the statement.

In a statement released Tuesday after his indictment, McClen-

don denied violating antitrust laws.

“The charge that has been filed against me today is wrong and unprecedented,” McClendon said. “Anyone who knows me, my business record and the industry in which I have worked for 35 years, knows that I could not be guilty of violating any antitrust laws. All my life I have worked to create jobs in Oklahoma, grow its economy, and to provide abundant and affordable energy to all Americans. I am proud of my track record in this industry, and I will fight to prove my innocence and to clear my name.”

Department of Justice spokesman Mark Abueg declined to comment on the impact McClendon’s death would have on the case.

McClendon could frequently be spotted in his courtside seats near the Thunder bench in the arena named after the company he founded in 1989 with his friend,

Tom Ward, with an initial \$50,000 investment. They eventually grew the company into one of the largest independent producers of natural gas in the United States. He left the company in January 2013 amid philosophical differences with a new board of directors, and founded American Energy Partners, where he was chairman and CEO.

“Aubrey’s tremendous leadership, vision, and passion for the energy industry had an impact on the community, the country, and the world,” AEP said in a statement. “We are tremendously proud of his legacy and will continue to work hard to live up to the unmatched standards he set for excellence and integrity.”

McClendon was renowned for his aggression and skill in acquiring oil and gas drilling rights. As drillers learned to unlock natural gas from shale formations over the last decade, McClendon pushed the company to acquire

enormous tracts of land in several states. The strategy landed the company promising assets, boosted the company’s own production and helped fuel the national boom in natural gas production. But it saddled Chesapeake with enormous debt.

Chesapeake eventually became victim of its own success. Natural gas prices plummeted along with all the new drilling by Chesapeake and its peers, reducing revenues for the company and making the debt harder to repay.

Chesapeake’s 20-acre campus sprawls through an exclusive area of Oklahoma City, its Georgian-style brick buildings surrounded by manicured lawns and sycamore and elm trees.

McClendon’s death is the second fatal crash this year connected to the Thunder organization. Assistant coach Monty Williams’ wife, Ingrid, died Feb. 10 after she was involved in a head-on crash in Oklahoma City.

Police chief: Officer responding to robbery is ambushed and fatally shot in park

STAFF REPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EULESS, Texas — A man who had just been released from jail burglarized a North Texas house, stole a cache of guns and fired into the air before hiding in a drainage ditch and ambushing responding officers, fatally wounding one of them, the city’s police chief said Wednesday.

Police Chief Mike Brown said David Hofer, 29, who was among the officers responding to the “shots fired” report at J.A. Carr Park in Euless, spotted movement in the ditch and ordered the person to come forward.

Jorge Brian Gonzalez, 22, then rose and opened fire on the officers, fatally wounding Hofer before the other officers brought Gonzalez down with multiple

gunshots, Brown said.

Gonzalez had been arrested Monday on a public intoxication charge and was released late Tuesday morning after being sentenced to community service, Brown said.

After that, Gonzalez forced his way into a house on a street adjoining the park, leaving with guns that he took to the park and fired several times, Brown said. Three officers were dispatched about 3 p.m. to the park where Gonzalez had taken cover in a drainage ditch, Brown said.

“It is our belief, based on the facts known to us, that the suspect took this position to ambush the responding officers,” he said. Brown later added, “In my honest opinion, he was there to do as much damage to the responding officers as he could possibly do.”

The park is in a residential area near an elementary school, and two nearby schools were placed on lockdown until the situation was resolved.

Brown said Gonzalez did not appear intoxicated at his court hearing Tuesday, but was calm and responsive. That is at odds with what his family contends.

Jorge Antonio Gonzalez, the gunman’s father, described his son to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a drug addict who was high on methamphetamine when he was jailed.

The elder Gonzalez said Hofer had been called to the family’s apartment before and knew his son. Brown said he could not confirm that.

The father was remorseful for his son’s actions but also questioned why he was released from

jail if he was still under the influence of meth.

“It’s their fault,” Gonzalez said. “Why would they let him out when he was on that stuff?”

Tarrant County court records show the younger Gonzalez had a criminal record that included charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and threatening family members.

Many people paid tribute to Hofer on Wednesday by leaving flowers, stuffed animals and other items in front of the Euless police station, with some saying quiet prayers.

Hofer had moved from New York to the Dallas area in 2014 because he wanted to be somewhere safer, his mother has said. A 2008 graduate of New York University, Hofer served in the New York Police Department for five years

before coming to Euless, Brown said.

“He was wonderful child, a wonderful police officer,” his mother, Sofija Hofer, told the New York Post. “He was working this very difficult precinct, so he had a lot of traumatic experiences ... He decided to go to a safer place.”

Hofer’s fiancé was out of town on Tuesday and needed to be called home and given the news, the Post reported.

Sofija Hofer said her son wanted to write a book about his experience with the NYPD.

“I thought he might be a scientist, like his father, but he always wanted to be a policeman, ever since he was a little boy,” she said.

David Hofer is the second officer to die in the line of duty in Euless, Texas.

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Portsmouth Live

Your Guide to Music in the Seacoast

By MICHAEL DALEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



The Music Hall

COURTESY

The Music Hall is a live music and arts venue that first opened its doors in 1878, making it the oldest operating theater in New Hampshire. Throughout its long history, the Music Hall has remained among the premier music venues in Portsmouth and is known for its diverse offering of music and arts, and maintains a warm and inviting atmosphere. Thérèse LaGamma, the performing arts curator and deputy director of programs at the Music Hall, said that the Music Hall tries to provide Portsmouth residents with the best of both emerging and established artists.

“We have blues, country, rock, world music, comedy, dance and a broad range of genres. We are trying to expose Portsmouth residents to what is happening in the local, national, and international music scene,” said LaGamma.

The Music Hall has a 900-seat theater and in addition has another showroom called the Music Hall Loft with 124 seats. The best way to find information concerning upcoming events is to check out the Music Hall website at themusichall.org. “It’s just a lot of fun and we have great audiences that are phenomenal, it’s a really rich music scene in Portsmouth and it’s exciting to see great music come through town,” said LaGamma.



The Press Room

COURTESY

Ever since its opening in 1976, the Press Room restaurant, located in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, has remained a bastion of the local music scene. All hardwood bars and flooring, brick walls, and historic wooden beam roofs combine to provide a warm and inviting atmosphere. The Press Room has two floors, each with a full bar and music stage. One of the things that makes the Press Room stands apart from many other local venues in that it offers live music and events seven days a week. Mike Marchand, the house producer and head engineer at the Press Room, describes the restaurant as one of the oldest and most organic music venues on the Seacoast and even in the United States. “We cover everything including folk, jazz, spoken word, punk, funk, and electronic music,” said Marchand. Along with presenting music seven nights a week, the Press Room often has multiple shows per night. “One of my favorite things about the Press Room that it brings people of all ages and an eclectic mix of good people that have one thing in common and that’s great music,” said Marchand. To find more information about upcoming shows visit the Press Room website at pressroomnh.com.



Birdseye Lounge

COURTESY

The Birdseye Lounge is located in the heart of downtown Portsmouth and is a 200-seat lounge and bar that regularly serves as a music venue to local, regional and national artists. The Birdseye is relatively new on the Portsmouth music scene having opened its doors in 2015, and since its opening has been a hotspot for live music in the Portsmouth area. Mike Behrmann, an owner of the Birdseye Lounge, describes the live music presented as a range of many different genres, anything from jazz and comedy to soul and country. “We are trying to really span the spectrum of genres and entertainment so that everyone can look at the space as a place that they would like to see music instead of being labeled as just a jazz lounge or a hard rock club, we really just want to be as welcoming as possible,” said Behrmann. Live music and other events are regularly scheduled between Wednesday and Saturday nights, and information on upcoming events can be found at the Birdseye Lounge website at birdseyelounge.com. Although there are occasionally age eighteen and above shows, most commonly the live events at the Birdseye are for ages 21 and above, so it’s best to check online for age requirements noted Behrmann.



COURTESY

3S Artspace

3s Artspace is a nonprofit arts organization located in downtown Portsmouth that regularly offers live music and events. The organization opened its doors in March of 2015, and since its opening has provided a flexible space that is suited to a wide range of different types of performances, said Celeste Ladd, the senior marketing director and development manager at 3s. The space offers a variety of live music that includes, “everything from typical Indy rock bands, to hip-hop, chamber ensembles, and world music,” said Ladd. The venue averages three to four shows a week that are usually scheduled between Wednesday and Sunday, but occasionally shows are scheduled on other nights as well. In addition to live music, 3s also offers a variety of theater, dance, film, and art shows. “One of the goals of 3s is to be this vibrant art space that is appealing and inviting to anyone regardless of your background or interest or whatever we might be presenting,” said Ladd. The best way to find information on upcoming shows at 3s is to visit their website at 3sarts.org or sign up for their electronic newsletter.

Portsmouth Book & Bar

The Portsmouth Book & Bar combines the warm atmosphere of a library setting with great food, drinks, and local live music. Tables are surrounded by bookshelves and customers are encouraged to pick out a book while they enjoy everything the Book & Bar has to offer. Owner Jon Strymish describes live music at the Book & Bar as a fairly eclectic mix of jazz, Americana, blues, bluegrass and more. Events usually take place on Friday and Saturday but occasionally events are scheduled for Thursday or Sunday. In addition to different live music events, the Book & Bar also hosts comedy nights, book readings, book parties, and once a month hosts “Read Free or Die” which is a reading group comprised of UNH students said Strymish. Further, members of the band “Harsh Armadillo”, which includes UNH students, will be playing at the Book and Bar every Sunday starting in March of 2016. “I think it’s a fun place to be and see a show,” said Strymish. To find information on upcoming events at Book & Bar, visit their website at bookandbar.com.

Christian McBride trio brings jazz to PCAC

By ALEX LAROZA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Think jazz is dead? Think again. On Monday evening, Feb. 29, the Christian McBride Trio treated the audience at the PCAC to a virtuosic and entertaining blend of jazz, soul and funk.

for many, many years, but I saw him in a musical, and not only was he playing well but he was also a good actor.”

Jenning’s acting background was key for Christian McBride’s musical approach. It is important for McBride that his trio’s performances be both mu-

So it’s a family tradition.”

The list of musicians he has performed with is equally as impressive as his musical skills. “Famous is relative, but I’ll name you some good musicians I’ve played with. Herbie Hancock would be one, Chick Corea would be another, and so would Sting,” he says. However, McBride is most proud of having been able to play with his hero, James Brown.

“I played with him in 1997 for the first time, and again in 2006 just before he passed away,” said McBride.

The Monday night performance was the first time the Christian McBride Trio had performed at UNH. Prior to this, the trio had performed at Plymouth State University.

However, don’t expect McBride to be returning to UNH any time soon, as he is a very busy musician.

“I’ve got about three CDs in the can awaiting a release, about three different world tours I’m going on with three different bands, and I’ve also got my NPR radio show Jazz Night in America and my Sirius XM radio show called The Lowdown,” explained McBride.

If UNH students enjoyed what they saw and heard, they should be sure to check out www.christianmcbride.com to learn more about the group and their music.

“It’s very important for me to blend [musicality and entertainment], because I do feel that jazz has sort of gotten a bad reputation as being sort of stuffy and highly intellectual, where you have to be sort of a genius to understand it.”

Christian McBride
Jazz Musician

Bassist Christian McBride, pianist Christian Sands and drummer Jerome Jennings received multiple standing ovations for their performances, which were highly challenging but fun at the same time.

“I met Christian Sands on a radio show. He was a guest on the NPR radio show Piano Jazz, which I was subbing for the host. At the time he must have been about 19,” said McBride. “I’ve just known Jerome Jennings from seeing him around

sical and entertaining.

“It’s very important for me to blend the two, because I do feel that jazz has sort of gotten a bad reputation as being sort of stuffy and too highly intellectual, where you have to be sort of a genius to understand it,” said-McBride. “And I’ve been trying to help change the reputation of that.

McBride explained that musicianship runs in his family. “My father and my great uncle were both bass players as well.

Review: UNH Theater and Dance presents “The Crucible”

By GABRIELLE LAMONTAGNE
STAFF WRITER

The Johnson Theater buzzed with anticipation on Sunday afternoon in preparation for the matinee showing of “The Crucible.” Although it was the last performance, the theater was still considerably full.

“The Crucible” involved powerful performances from the entire cast, particularly from Senior Cody Barbin who played John Proctor and sophomore Liam Tanner who played Deputy Governor Danforth. Senior Sarah Gontarski played her role as Abigail Williams well, one that can be difficult for any actress. In fact, this is a challenging play to perform and produce, but it was pulled off with flying colors. This was in part due to the direction of David Richman, of course. Each of the actors and actresses performed at a level that could be deemed professional. Reverend John Hale was played by senior Joe Jukniewicz, whose performance was stirring in his pitiable suffering based on the innocents he helped condemn

to death in the play. Senior Allie Wing’s intensity of emotion as Elizabeth Proctor, in the second act especially, was palpable and lent a sense of real drama to the show.

...well produced
and extremely
well performed.

The production obviously took a lot of hard work, as the staging and accents were incredibly precise. The lighting was well positioned and timed, with an addition of red or orange-colored lighting for effect between acts and at peak moments. The stage was made with unfinished wood, which, although historically accurate, is surprising due to the fact that some scenes involved bare feet for many of the actresses. Most of the crew work for the production was done by the cast themselves and the majority of those who weren’t in the cast were also UNH students.

Costumes for the show were period perfect and the body paint used for red marks on skin to make actors look dirty, for those who had been in the jails for some time, had a successful effect. All those listed as involved in the wardrobe department for the production are current UNH students, as well as UNH’s costume construction class.

There was some interesting staging, with characters mentioned but not actually in the scene standing on a spot-lit platform in the background, while the scenes took place at the front of the stage. A simple set was used, which was both effective and likely accurate to the time period of history during which the Salem Witch Trials took place.

The show was well produced and extremely well performed. Congratulations to the cast and crew for all of their hard work; it was certainly worth it, from the audience’s perspective. At the end of the show, even during the closing performance, the cast received a well-deserved standing ovation.

From the Easel Recommendations from the Arts

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TNH Test Kitchen: Tasty Taco Pockets



By **ABIGAIL SLEEPER**
ARTS EDITOR

Tired of tasting the same old tacos? Need your Mexican-fix but no time for a sit-down dinner? Never fear, taco pockets are here. Follow our recipe for classic beef taco pockets, or mix things up and substitute ground turkey, pulled pork, grilled chicken or your favorite taco filling. Whether you’re hitting the road or just looking for an easy weeknight snack, these quick and tasty pockets are sure to hit the spot!

Ingredients

- 1 lb lean ground beef*
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp ground cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp dry oregano
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 2 cups Mexican-blend shredded cheese
- 2 tubes crescent roll dough

**Not a fan of beef? Keep things hot by using the same spice-mix on chicken, pork, turkey or any other substitute.*

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Brown beef in medium skillet.
3. Add spices, remove from heat.
4. Roll out dough and press down to close perforations.
5. Using a sharp knife or a circular cookie-cutter, cut dough into 8 rounds.
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Guilty plea ends case of 2 slain Virginia college students

By **LARRY O'DELL**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A hospital orderly pleaded guilty Wednesday to abducting and killing two Virginia college students, wrapping up a mystery that began in 2009 when one of the women disappeared from a Metallica concert. The other young woman, 18-year-old Hannah Graham, vanished five years later under similar circumstances, after a night of partying with friends.

Along the way, investigators solved a 2005 rape case and used DNA evidence to tie all three cases to Jesse LeRoy Matthew Jr.

In a plea deal, prosecutors dropped a capital murder charge that could have resulted in the death penalty and Matthew agreed to a sentence of four consecutive life terms. Those are in addition to the three life terms he was already serving for the rape.

A statements of facts filed with Matthew's plea agreement said autopsies determined that Graham had a broken nose and likely died of suffocation or strangulation, while 20-year-old Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington suffered a broken arm,

broken ribs and a skull fracture. "We cannot comprehend the selfish and inhumane action that took place that evening and we anguish over the suffering Morgan experienced that night," Morgan's father, Daniel Harrington, said in court.

Matthew, 34, looked directly at family members during the hearing but showed no emotion — casting his eyes downward whenever the victims' families referenced the brutality.

Graham's mother, Susan Graham, described her daughter as "the most optimistic person we know" and said she misses her daughter's smile, her quick wit and snuggling up with her on the couch with a cup of tea and a favorite DVD.

She was a straight-A student bound to accomplish great things. And she did, "just not in the way people expected. Hannah enabled police to capture a predator who had been "hiding in plain sight in Charlottesville for years," her mother said.

"She is a heroine," Susan Graham said.

Matthew, given a chance to speak in court, asked his attorney to speak for him. Douglas

Ramseur said his client wanted to convey that "he is very sorry for what happened and he loves his family very much."

After the hearing, the Matthew family broke its year-and-a-half of silence, sending Matthew's uncle, the Rev. Louie Carr, to the microphone at a press conference. Carr expressed the family's sorrow for the victims' families and said "it's hard to understand how a gentle soul" could commit such crimes.

Graham and Morgan were young women in vulnerable straits when they vanished in Charlottesville five years apart, and their disappearances stoked fears about sexual assaults and campus safety at a time of rising national scrutiny.

Harrington had been drinking alcohol from a flask when she stepped out of the Metallica concert and could not get back in. According to the statement of facts, witnesses would have testified at trial that they saw Harrington thumbing for a ride near where a cab driver matching Matthew's description was working that night. Matthew worked as a cab driver before becoming an orderly at the Uni-

versity of Virginia hospital.

Harrington's black T-shirt, with the name of the rock band Pantera on it, was discovered, and DNA from it would prove crucial to connecting the cases.

In September 2014, Graham had dinner with friends and attended parties off campus before deciding to walk home alone. She was captured on surveillance video walking unsteadily. She texted a friend that she was lost.

Additional video showed Graham crossing Charlottesville's downtown pedestrian mall, then leaving a restaurant with Matthew, his arm wrapped around her. According to the statement of facts, witnesses would have testified that Matthew repeatedly made unwanted advances toward women while bar-hopping the night of Graham's disappearance.

Matthew grabbed one woman's bare foot over her objections after she took off her boots because her feet were hurting, the statement says, adding that she would have testified that Matthew told her: "A woman who takes care of her feet takes care of everything else."

Graham's disappearance prompted a massive search and gripped the Charlottesville campus in fear, prompting female students to walk with friends or a group at night.

Graham's body was found five weeks later on abandoned property in Albemarle County, about 12 miles from the Charlottesville campus and 6 miles from where Harrington's remains had been found years earlier.

After police named Matthew a person of interest, he fled to a beach in Texas. Police found a map indicating he was headed for Mexico.

Matthew was charged in Graham's disappearance and his cheek was swabbed for a DNA sample. That sample connected Matthew to the 2005 rape, which in turn linked him to Harrington through the DNA found on her black T-shirt, authorities have said.

Matthew was also accused of raping students in 2002 and 2003 at Liberty University and Christopher Newport University, where he had played football. But those cases were dropped when the women declined to press charges.

Utah Senate narrowly passes death penalty repeal

By **MICHELLE L. PRICE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah senators on Wednesday voted to abolish the death penalty, advancing what had been considered a longshot proposal in the conservative state.

The measure marks a stunning turn in Utah, where a year ago lawmakers voted to reinstate the use of the firing squad as a backup execution method. Lawmakers argued last year that if the state has a shortage of lethal injection drugs, it must still find a way to kill death row inmates.

Sen. Steve Urquhart, a Republican, is leading the push this year to repeal capital punishment, citing conservative themes of imperfect governments and capital punishment as a costly and inefficient policy.

"We're going to pass it," Urquhart told reporters Wednesday.

When his bill was unveiled three weeks ago, Urquhart acknowledged it would be an uphill battle to win approval in a state with strong support for the death penalty. But he said the libertarian leanings of the Legislature gave him hope.

His proposal cleared the GOP-controlled Senate 15-12 Wednesday, advancing it to the Republican-dominated House of Representatives.

Urquhart said he does not yet know how many supporters he has in the House, but he has backing from the chamber's Republican Speaker Greg Hughes.

Hughes told *The Associated*

Press on Tuesday that he's been a quiet but longtime opponent of the death penalty. Hughes said he plans to be vocal in his support of abolishing the practice when the bill reaches his House colleagues.

The measure must get a hearing before a House committee and vote before the full chamber sometime before lawmakers adjourn at midnight on March 10. The earliest a committee hearing could occur would be Thursday, but no debate had been scheduled by Wednesday afternoon.

Urquhart said some House representatives have already told him they support the bill, which surprised him. He declined to identify the lawmakers but said he would have "bet and lost a lot of money that they would never support this legislation."

If the measure wins approval in the House, it could still hit a wall with Utah's Republican governor.

Gov. Gary Herbert reiterated to reporters on Tuesday that he's a strong supporter of capital punishment.

Utah's Senate spent about 20 minutes debating the measure Wednesday, a day after they cast a preliminary vote of approval without a single lawmaker asking a question or contesting the proposal.

Sen. Todd Weiler, R-Woods Cross, spoke against Urquhart's proposal Wednesday, arguing that for some crimes, execution is a just punishment.

Weiler cited the case of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

"He murdered hundreds of

people and he was executed for that," he said. "How many people think that was unjust?"

Weiler also disputed a legislative study from 2012 that found capital punishment costs more taxpayer money than a sentence of life in prison without parole.

He and others speaking against the proposal said that while capital punishment is rarely sought in Utah, it should remain on the table to give prosecutors a position to negotiate in plea bargains down to a life sentence without parole.

Other conservative Republicans speaking in favor of abolishing the practice said they have no problem in theory with the idea of killing someone for a heinous crime, but they fear that years of appeals render the death penalty ineffective and they worry the government could execute someone wrongly convicted.

Last year, Nebraska's Republican-controlled Legislature voted to abolish the death penalty over a veto from that state's GOP governor. It became the first traditionally conservative state to eliminate the punishment since North Dakota dropped the practice in 1973. But death penalty supporters quickly launched a petition drive, leaving Nebraska voters to decide the issue this November.

Proposals to repeal capital punishment have been introduced in at least eight other states over the past year, though it's unclear how many are anywhere close to joining 19 states and the District of Columbia in abolishing the practice.

In Brief

Teen who killed family to remain in custody

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A judge has ruled a teenager who pleaded guilty to killing his parents and three young siblings will remain in state custody until he is 21.

Nehemiah Griego was sentenced Wednesday after a children's court judge ruled last month that he should be sentenced as a juvenile. That decision followed a hearing to decide whether Griego had shown he was responsive to treatment.

He was 15 when he opened

fire at his family's home in 2013.

The Children, Youth and Families Department will determine where Griego will be treated or held for the remainder of his sentence, which authorities say leaves open the possibility for an early supervised release.

Wednesday's sentencing decision was largely expected given the judge already decided Griego would be sentenced as a juvenile. The district attorney says she plans to appeal that ruling.

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Yearlong spacemen embrace fresh, frigid air back on Earth

By **MARCIA DUNN**
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Ah, there’s nothing like a blast of fresh, frigid air to welcome you back to the planet after nearly a year cooped up in space.

That’s the word from astronaut Scott Kelly, NASA’s space-endurance champ who returned to bitterly cold Kazakhstan on Wednesday, along with his roommate for the past year, Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko.

In a NASA interview before heading home to Houston, Kelly said it was “amazing” to feel the cold air when the hatch of his Soyuz capsule popped open after touchdown.

“I don’t mean to say it’s not fresh on the space station,” he said, “but there’s nothing like new cold air coming into the capsule.”

Both Kelly, 52, and Kornienko, 55, yearned for nature throughout their 340-day mission at the International Space Station, a dry run by NASA for eventual trips to Mars.

“Just like Scott, I wanted to see Earth and I wanted to smell that fresh air. This is an unforgettable feeling,” Kornienko said.

It was the longest an American ever lived in space, although nothing new for the Russians. The world record is 438 days, set back in the mid-1990s at the former Mir space station. Even before that, a pair of Soviet cosmonauts had racked up a full one-year spaceflight.

“Congratulations on your record,” former cosmonaut and Kazak space agency chief Taldat Musabayev said at a welcoming ceremony. He couldn’t resist: “Of course, it was already done 28 years ago.”

President Barack Obama joined the chorus of praise pouring in.

“Welcome back to Earth, @StationCDRKelly! Your year in space is vital to the future of American space travel. Hope

gravity isn’t a drag!” Obama said — and mind — will fare during the 2-year expedition. Kelly

“I’d been there a long time, so I looked forward to leaving. But at the same time, it’s a magnificent place and I’m going to miss it,”

Scott Kelly
Astronaut

The White House said Obama spoke with Kelly on Wednesday, thanking him for his service and for sharing his journey through social media. Kelly posted hundreds of photos of Earth.

After landing, the latest one-year space subjects quickly parted company, Kelly flying back to Houston and Kornienko to Star City, Russia, near Moscow. While en route, Kelly tweeted a picture of his first salad back on Earth, noting it will be important to grow fresh food during Mars expeditions, like his space station lettuce crop.

Kelly acknowledged it was bittersweet leaving the space station — his home since last March, currently staffed by three men until the arrival of three more in two weeks.

“I’d been there a long time, so I looked forward to leaving. But at the same time, it’s a magnificent place and I’m going to miss it,” he said.

Neither will be saying goodbye — in Russian, do svidaniya — to medical tests anytime soon.

Minutes after emerging from their capsule, they were whisked in chairs to a medical tent where they did their best to stand, walk, jump, navigate obstacles — everything an astronaut might need to do immediately upon arriving at Mars.

NASA aims to put astronauts on the red planet in the 2030s, but first wants to know how the body

ranked physical isolation aboard the 250-mile-high platform, from those he loved, as his biggest challenge.

Kelly looked fit as he emerged from the Soyuz capsule on the remote steppes of central Asia, pumping his fist and giving a thumbs-up. He showed no signs of slowing down a few hours later as he waited to board the plane for the long flight back to Houston. He needed little if any assistance in walking and said there seemed to be little difference from his five-month station stint five years ago.

“I’m definitely encouraged on our ability to go even longer,” Kelly said. “I mean, even though I looked forward to coming home and there were things that I missed, I felt like if it was for the right reason, I clearly could have stayed however long it took.”

Scott Kelly
Astronaut

The exams — along with blood, saliva and urine collections — will continue for weeks if not months. In the case of Kelly and his identical twin, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, the testing could last a year if not longer. The brothers served as guinea pigs — one in weightlessness, the other

on the ground.

Kelly’s last tweet from orbit Tuesday provided a cliffhanger: “The journey isn’t over. Follow me as I rediscover #Earth!”

The brothers will be reunited at Ellington Airport near Johnson Space Center in Houston early Thursday. The welcoming committee includes Scott’s two daughters, ages 21 and 12; his girlfriend who’s been chronicling his mission as a NASA public affairs officer at Johnson; and his sister-in-law, former Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Mark’s wife.

Also joining in the celebration: Vice President Joe Biden’s wife, Jill, and NASA Administrator Charles Bolden.

As for his space legacy, Kelly said he and Kornienko “were a small part” in setting the stage for Mars.

“Expanding our envelope and our ability to operate in space is something that’s going to take us farther from this planet,” he said.

He stressed that it took thou-

sands working behind the scenes to pull off this mission, noting: “It’s really not about us.”

Maybe so, but their sacrifice was duly noted by grateful well-wishers at NASA and elsewhere. On this flight alone, the pair traveled 144 million miles through space — the average distance

between Earth and neighbor Mars — and were exposed to cosmic radiation. They tackled 400 experiments, some of them unpleasant. And like other station residents, Kelly downed recycled urine and sweat — nearly 200 gallons over the year.

Make no mistake, “a year’s a long time,” according to Kelly. He checked into the space station last March and by the six-month mark last September, “I felt like I had been up there my whole life.”

Six months is the typical space station stint; that was the mission length for Russian cosmonaut Sergey Volkov, who piloted Kelly and Kornienko to a safe Soyuz touchdown.

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In Brief

Teens suspected of burning down a home

PAYETTE, Idaho — Idaho police believe four teenage boys set fire to their high school principal’s house in retaliation for being suspended.

Payette Police Chief Mark Clark told the Idaho Statesman on Tuesday that he asked a judge to issue warrants for the arrest of three high-schoolers and one middle-schooler.

Clark says social media posts helped lead investigators

to the suspects.

The Feb. 22 blaze destroyed Payette High School principal Mark Heleker’s home and three cars parked in the driveway. His family and pets escaped the fire that started in a trash can outside the garage.

Heleker says he knows the older boys but not the younger student. He’s a former mayor of the city of 7,500 people about 60 miles northwest of Boise.

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Facebook executive released from jail in Brazil

By **BRUCE DOUGLAS**
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RIO DE JANEIRO — A Facebook executive detained for refusing to give law enforcement information about users of the WhatsApp message service was released from jail on Wednesday, part of a tussle between authorities and technology companies that recalls the U.S. dispute between Apple and the FBI.

Facebook's most senior representative in Latin America, Diego Dzodan, left a jail in Sao Paulo after one night in custody. A judge ruled he was wrongly detained.

Another judge in the northeastern state of Sergipe had issued an arrest warrant accusing Dzodan of repeatedly failing to comply with a judicial order to cooperate with an investigation into drug trafficking and organized crime. Monica Horta, a spokeswoman for the federal police in Sergipe, said investigators have requested content from a WhatsApp messaging group as well as other data, including geo-location.

Investigators first contacted WhatsApp — which was bought by Facebook in 2014 — about four months ago but have yet to receive a response, Horta said. Starting two months

ago, WhatsApp began to incur a daily fine of 50,000 Brazilian reais (\$12,700) for every day it ignored the order. The company has not yet paid the fine, which has risen to 1 million Brazilian reais (\$250,000) in recent weeks, she said.

“The Brazilians have spent several years complaining about the NSA. Technology companies have now delivered products to their customers that are much more secure from the NSA and the Brazilians are now complaining that they’re too secure.”

Chris Soghoian

Principal technologist of the American Civil Liberties Union

Brazilian police argue that Facebook's stance is at odds with those of Yahoo, Google and local telecommunications companies, which have been willing to hand over user information to help investigations.

WhatsApp has been rolling out a so-called end-to-end encryption system under which only the sender and recipient can access the content of messages and it insists it doesn't have the information requested.

In a statement released on

Wednesday, the company said, “arresting people with no connection to pending law enforcement investigation is a capricious step and we are concerned about the effects for the people of Brazil and innovation in the country.”

The standoff has drawn comparisons to the FBI's battle with Apple following its request that the company unlock the iPhone belonging to one of the terrorists who carried out killings in San Bernardino, California.

“The Apple vs FBI case and the WhatsApp case are in many ways exactly the same thing,” said Zaki Manian, a California-based cryptography engineer and privacy activist. “The encryption systems employed by these companies is such that they do not

have access to encrypted data. The only way the company could access the data would be to employ a malicious update to allow access.”

Brazil has cast itself as a defender of Internet freedom since revelations in 2014 that the U.S. National Security Agency had spied on President Dilma Rousseff, her close advisers and Brazilian commercial interests, including the state-run oil company Petrobras. Rousseff canceled a state visit to the U.S. during a diplomatic row over the disclosures, the result of leaks by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. Rousseff also pledged to promote more home-grown Internet services and make Brazil's piece of the global Internet less U.S.-dependent.

Some analysts say that stance is at odds with actions such as the Dzodan detention.

“The Brazilians have spent several years complaining about the NSA. Technology companies have now delivered products to their customers that are much more secure from the NSA and the Brazilians are now complaining that they’re too secure,” said Chris Soghoian, principal technologist of the American Civil Liberties Union. “So maybe you should be careful what you wish for.”

“It seems like what governments want is ways to communicate that are secure from foreign governments, but that allow their own government to spy,” Soghoian said. “And the fact is that those tools don’t exist.”

“If you want your communications to be secure from the NSA then they will also be secure from your local law enforcement.”

Brazilian authorities also clashed with Facebook in December, when a judicial order forced Brazil's telecommunications companies to block WhatsApp over its refusal to cooperate with a police inquiry. The move shut down communications for many of its 100 million users in Brazil for around 12 hours. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg at the time said he was “stunned” by the “extreme decision.”

Robert Muggah, research director at Iguarape, a Rio de Janeiro-based think-tank, said the latest conflict over the WhatsApp messages could bolster support for proposed legislation that would allow judges to make more demands of tech companies.

“The danger with these cases is that the pendulum is swinging too far away from digital rights to law enforcement,” Muggah said.

Syrian villagers hope for calm as Russia keeps eye on truce

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
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MAARZAF, Syria — Just days into a U.S.-Russia-brokered cease-fire, many residents in a pro-government Syrian village long engulfed in fierce fighting in a central province expressed hope Wednesday that the truce will prevail and that a sense of normalcy could soon return.

But the cease-fire is partial and though as such it has mostly held across the war-wrecked nation, it excludes the Islamic State group as well as Syria's al-Qaida branch, known as the Nusra Front, and other militant factions that the United Nations considers terrorist organizations.

In a stark reflection of those limitations, a car bomb killed 18 commanders of a U.S.-backed rebel group on Wednesday, a serious blow to the rebels, while Syrian Kurdish-led forces took strategic ground in Aleppo province from the Nusra Front, in a surprise offensive aimed at encircling the provincial capital.

Russia's Defense Ministry, in a bid to secure the cease-fire, said it has set up a coordination center that includes several dozen officers who visit opposition groups and local communities to help negotiate local truce deals.

On a trip to central Syria organized by the Russian government Wednesday, an Associated Press team saw one such document being signed in the village of Maarzaf, about 15 kilometers (9 miles) west of the city of Hama, the provincial capital.

While the city of Hama has

been firmly under the Syrian government control throughout the five-year conflict, other parts of Hama province have seen intense fighting.

The town of Salamiyeh, on the northern edge of the province, has been a front line between government forces and Islamic State fighters. The Syrian army has been making significant advances in the area, recently securing the desert highway from Salamiyeh to the village of Athriya on the border of Raqqa province, the main IS stronghold, and linking that road to the Salamiyeh-Khanaser-Aleppo road.

“We all hope it will help make the area safer.”

Ali Aty Muhammad
Villager

That gives the government control over a strategic road linking the three provinces together.

Wednesday's signing in the village of Maarzaf was attended by Sheikh Ahmad Mubarak, a respected local leader whose influence extends across most of Hama province, and hundreds of villagers gathered at the main square.

As part of the process, local leaders sign declarations pledging to abide by the truce and bow to the government control over their territories in exchange for security guarantees and other assistance. The Russian military said about 30 towns and villages already have signed such documents.

“The Syrian people need peace,” said Sheikh Mubarak,

whose private militia has apparently fought alongside Syrian President Bashar Assad's army in Hama. He praised Russia's role in the cease-fire but also expressed hope it would pave way for the release of local residents held in government prisons.

On Wednesday, as the journalists visited, Russian military trucks also delivered food aid to the villagers, and a military medic came to inspect and treat some elderly patients.

“We all hope it will help make the area safer,” villager Ali Aty Muhammad said of the deal. “We are all very thankful to Rus-

sia.”

Syrian soldier Saliba Shaaman was toting his assault rifle, a grenade launcher slung over his shoulder, as he observed the village happening.

“The cease-fire is a very good thing,” he said, adding that he had just returned from the front lines near the city of Aleppo.

However, such scenes may seem to clash with reality, where accusations of violations by all sides in the civil war threaten to derail the cease-fire. Several Syrian opposition activists said they have no knowledge of local truce declarations mediated by Russia.

In southern Syria, a car bomb targeted a meeting of commanders of a U.S.-backed moderate rebel group, killing 18, including the faction's top com-

mander. Dozens were wounded in Wednesday's blast in Quneitra province.

A Quneitra-based opposition activist who goes by the name of Abu Omar al-Golani said that 20 fighters were killed in the blast, among them the commander of the Syria Revolutionaries Front, Capt. Abu Hamza al-Naimi.

He said the blast went off when several commanders were meeting at the group's office in the town of Asheh.

The Syria Revolutionaries Front is a moderate rebel group that was mostly crushed in northern Syria in late 2014 by the Nusra Front.

An opposition activist, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to leak secret information, said the rebel faction was planning to attack Nusra Front in southern Syria.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the car bombing, which also caused widespread damage in the area.

Meanwhile, in the northern province of Aleppo, a Kurdish-led fighting alliance took strategic ground from the Nusra Front and its allies.

The U.S. and Russian-brokered “cessation of hostilities,” which came into effect early Saturday, has brought the first wide-scale reduction in violence seen in Syria's five-year civil war, but has been rattled by alleged violations. It's intended to pave the way for the resumption of peace talks to end the conflict, which has killed more than 250,000 people and displaced half the country's population.

The Russian military says it has mostly grounded its warplanes in Syria, saying it wants to avoid possible mistakes.

In neighboring Lebanon, thousands of supporters of the militant Hezbollah group attended the funeral Wednesday of senior military commander Ali Fayyad, who was killed while fighting against IS in Aleppo province last week. The funeral was held in Fayyad's southern hometown of Ansar.

Back in the Syrian village of Maarzaf, a group of heavily-armed troops stood next to their SUV, adorned with big portraits of Assad and Russian leader Vladimir Putin, as Russian military trucks distributed food aid.

One of the soldiers, Hassan Muhammad, who said he fought both the IS and Nusra Front, said he counts on help from Russia, Iran and Hezbollah to help though he also spoke proudly about the Syrian army's performance.

“We have been fighting for five years, and we have proven our worth by holding out,” he said.





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The old 'college try'

Follow your passion, even if it means switching majors

The old saying goes, "Do something you love, and you'll never work a day in your life." Imagine that.

Arguably, the first step in any career—or at least your first career—is choosing a major. Most students at UNH chose their majors during their first few semesters as college students. In fact, if you're a freshman or sophomore reading this, you may still be undeclared. And that's perfectly fine.

What is important, however, is to make sure you're studying something you're passionate about, especially if it's going to lead into your career. Moreover, it's equally as important to have the courage to switch majors if you find yourself bored, unhappy or longing to study something else.

A great example of someone doing just that comes in the form of this year's Donald Murray Visiting Journalist, UNH Alumnus Marcus Weisgerber '04.

Weisgerber is a journalist covering global business for

DefenseOne, a publication based out of Washington, D.C., whose work has taken him across the globe. However, he didn't start out as journalism major, or even an English major for that matter. Actually Weisgerber wasn't even in the College of Liberal Arts. Rather, he was an engineering student in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Let that sink in for a moment.

So what made him change his mind? He was enrolled in a writing class when the United States came under attack on 9/11. For a class assignment, he told the story of some relatives who were present at the attack site. Weisgerber said he enjoyed telling their story so much he decided to switch his major to study journalism.

It's amazing to think that someone pursuing a degree in CEPS would make such a drastic change academically. But for Weisgerber, I think it's safe to assume the change was a great move.

Granted, not everyone is going

to have an experience like Weisgerber's, but his story is certainly something to which many of us can relate.

UNH has an abundance of majors and disciplines. Check out the front page to read about the new "brewing" minor that's being offered. Seriously, there's a minor in brewing beer. How cool is that?

Additionally, there are a number of extra-curricular activities available to students that could potentially complement their academic interests. Visit Wildcat-Link sometime, there are over 300 organizations to choose from.

If you find yourself unhappy academically, don't be afraid to make a switch. It's okay to try something and not like it. That's the essence of the old "college try," anyway.

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Life goes on

The song “Both Sides Now” by Joni Mitchell, although slow, is a profound analysis of nostalgia, memory and how we understand life.

Lyrics for the song show life’s progression from childhood, through the symbolism of clouds to teenage and young adult years in the references to love, ending with a middle-aged/older person’s perspective of life as a whole.

Overall, the lyrics discuss the surrealism and subjectivity of individual viewpoints, by saying, “... it’s life’s illusions I recall/I really don’t know life at all.” In fact, our emotions shape and change the way we remember past situations or events.

The song starts out showing a childhood perspective, represented by the line, “Bows and flows of angel hair and ice cream castles in the air” – all things that imaginative or that are important mainly to young children.

In fact, our emotions shape and change the way we remember past situations or events.

The next stage of life as described by the song is represented by young love, which we look at much differently before it happens than we do later in life. Mostly, we romanticize it more, which is shown by the lyric, “... as every fairy tale comes real; I’ve looked at love that way.”

Finally, the song transitions into an adult view that is partially nostalgic and partially jaded. This part of the song is shown through descriptions of life as a whole, where Mitchell sings, “Tears and fears and feeling proud, to say ‘I love you’ right out loud,” as a way to mention the skills people learn to develop as they mature. She goes on to express the more bittersweet part of her perception with the feeling of change as you grow older and seeing how friendships change.



Musing on Music

Gabrielle Lamontagne

However, her ending thought is about how life goes on, despite positive or negative life changes, as she sings, “But now old friends are acting strange/ they shake their heads/ they say I’ve changed./Something’s lost but something’s gained in living every day.”

It still astounds me that despite the size of my graduating class of 2013 from Exeter High School, despite our different friend groups and socio-economic stratification, when there is a loss: we all feel it and we rally together, for comfort and consolation. To heal. In fact, it reminds me of a small town community. Not everyone is a close friend of everyone else, there are bullies and cliques, there are “richies,” “delinquents,” and “geeks”; but we become one united faction when there’s a life-changing event, such as graduation or a loss of a classmate. I’ve even seen this effect at UNH, which is even more unlikely due to the large size of the university population, though there is less social division between grades or based on age.

We see each other through the thickest and thinnest, though during the in-between stages we are somewhat divided. I take pride in the fact that during Senior Week and graduation, even I felt like our senior class was one huge group of friends. I also take pride in the fact that even now, when we hear of a family or classmate loss, we are there to comfort each other and to help each other get through the difficult times. I’m bring-

ing this up, because on this past Tuesday, the Exeter High School Class of 2013 lost two of its members to a severe car accident, with a third in the hospital. From the moment the news was spread on Facebook, my feed was entirely filled with heartfelt messages of love and condolences for those feeling the loss most keenly.

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It’s situations like these that remind me of one of the opening lines of the movie “Love, Actually,” “Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport. General opinion’s starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don’t see that. It seems to me that love is everywhere. Often it’s not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it’s always there - fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends. When the planes hit the Twin Towers, as far as I know none of the phone calls from the people on board were messages of hate or revenge - they were all messages of love. If you look for it, I’ve got a sneaky feeling you’ll find that love actually is all around.”

So this week’s column is in the memory of Malachi Davis and Hunter Vars. I take great pride in calling myself a part of the EHS Class of 2013.

Gabrielle Lamontagne is a junior majoring in French and business administration..

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Thumbs down to getting blisters on your feet from breaking them in.



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Thumbs down to shaving cream and razor blades.



Thumbs up to Steph Curry.



Thumbs down to shooting less than 10 percent in intramural games.



Thumbs up to SpongeBob re-runs.



Thumbs down to Plankton.



Thumbs up to beautiful drawings done by hand.



Thumbs down to your skills being limited to stick figures.



Thumbs up to men’s basketball beating Binghamton in the playoffs.



Thumbs down to the high probability of a road game in the semifinals.

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Leissner said. "It is always real tough playing against these guys. They're a great team."

With just over three minutes to play, UNH held a 48-45 lead. The Wildcats missed two shots in one possession, but the key was the three offensive rebounds. The third shot by Dion dropped. From then on the Wildcats were able to hold off the Bearcats and corral the 56-51 victory.

"Every time we play these guys, we just grind," Jaleen Smith said. "They play hard and I feel like their style of play is like ours, that's why you see both teams grinding."

Albany, the three-time America East champions, fell to the seventh-seeded Hartford Hawks 68-59, which helped the Wildcats avoid top-seeded Stony Brook for at least the semifinals. With a win over Maine, 99-82, Vermont advanced to the next round as the No. 3 seed.

The matchups are set. Hartford will travel to Stony Brook. UNH will hit the road to take on Vermont on Monday night. Vermont is a team the Wildcats have lost to twice this season. Both

games have been somewhat lopsided, as the Catamounts have won by a combined 24 points in the two contests.

"They're a program that's had a long stretch of winning and success," Herrion said. "We have to go up Monday night and play great. Our guys will be ready."

"This is what college basketball is all about," Herrion said. You want to be playing in these kind of games."

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Ronnel Jordan takes a shot early in Wednesday night's game. Jordan scored three points in the win.

LACROSSE

Grote's career day ends losing streak

Senior co-captain Nicole Grote's eight points helped UNH defeat Holy Cross at home

By **ANDREW YOURELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

Nicole Grote set a new career-high in points to pace the Wildcats in a 16-6 victory over Holy Cross on Wednesday. The win ends a three-game losing streak and lifts the Wildcats to 2-3 on the season.

Holy Cross got onto the board first, scoring 1-minute, 23-seconds into the game, but Grote answered with her first goal less than a minute later and the Wildcats built a strong 7-1 lead throughout the first half. Grote had a hat trick in the first half, but the Wildcats also scored on efforts from Catherine Sexton, Krissy Schafer, Laura McHoul and Marissa Gurello.

"Definitely a team win," Grote said. "I think we had five or six girls with points, so that was awesome."

The Wildcats in fact had eight players score at least one goal in the win, with McHoul. Sexton, Schafer and Gurello all tallying multiple goals.

The Crusaders made a small comeback in the waning minutes of the first half, sneaking two goals past Wildcat goaltender Kate Clancy to make the score 7-3. Both goals came with less than three minutes left.

The second half opened with another Holy Cross goal, a mere 18 seconds into play. But the 'Cats were quick to respond again, as McHoul beat Holy Cross goaltender Julia Maloney for her second goal of the game.



ASHLYN CORREIA/STAFF

Nicole Grote scored four goals and recorded four assists to help the Wildcats top Holy Cross, 16-6.

"Well I had assists, so my teammates put the ball away," Grote said. The senior co-captain stressed that the team brought energy to this game after losing three tough games in a row.

After losing their comfortable six-goal lead, the Wildcats responded with a furious attack and a stifling defensive effort that gave the Crusaders very little chance to gain ground.

McHoul's goal made the score 8-4, and goals from Schafer, sophomore Carly Wooters and McHoul's third goal gave UNH an 11-4 lead with 24:08 to

play. But UNH's offensive outpouring didn't stop there.

Grote scored her fourth goal, then Gurello her second of the game. Devan Miller and Devon Croke got involved with a score apiece, before former America East Rookie of the Week Sexton added her second tally of the game. The 16-4 lead was enough to give UNH a running clock, and the Crusaders' final two goals came with less than 3:30 to play.

One reason the Wildcats were able to control the ball from the faceoff. The team out-

drew Holy Cross 10-1 in the first half and 18-5 overall, allowing the UNH attack to keep the ball and chew time off the clock and to set up good scoring opportunities.

"Devan Miller did a great job throughout the game of drawing to herself, and getting the draw control and running through it," UNH head coach Sarah Albrecht said. Miller handled faceoff duties for most of the game and won 10 draws on her own.

Defensively, the Wildcats were stout, forcing a number of

errant shots and causing turnovers before Holy Cross could get good looks. The few times the Crusaders could fire off a quality shot, Clancy was there to aid the defensive effort. The sophomore goalkeeper tallied four saves in 43:15 of play before Sarah Lambert took over late in the game.

"We were just being aggressive on defense, and I think having a support system behind and playing as a team, that really helped out this game," Albrecht said. "[Clancy's] been doing well all year and being really consistent for us. She put in a lot of work in the offseason so I think that is showing right now."

The eight points Grote scored raised her career totals to 52 goals and 30 assists, allowing her to surpass 80 career points. Her co-captain, McHoul, continued to cement herself as one of the program's top scoring threats of all time. Her three-goal effort raised her career total to 71 goals, and an assist on Sexton's first goal means that McHoul now has 178 career points.

Wooters' goal marked her fifth straight game with a goal.

The Wildcats will try to channel Wednesday's team energy into another win when they face off with Fairfield University at Cowell Stadium on Saturday at 12 p.m. Grote feels as though the team is prepared for another strong showing.

"We have a big game Saturday," she said. "I think we're already ready for the next one."

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

UNH to host NCAA Frozen Four

By **RYAN PAGLIARO**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University of New Hampshire is gearing up to host the 2016 women’s hockey Frozen Four this upcoming spring break. The tournament decides who will be crowned the Women’s NCAA Division I champion and provides plenty of opportunities to see some of the most elite women’s hockey players in the nation.

The Whittemore Center Arena will host the tournament on March 18th and 20th. The focus this year is to make the Frozen Four more than just a few hockey games. This year there will be an emphasis on making the event an experience for the aspiring youth players, fans, athletes and professional female hockey players.

“I think that at the end of the day people won’t think of it as attending just another hockey game, they’re going to remember it as the Frozen Four at UNH,” UNH women’s hockey alumni Kelly McManus Souza said.

“From a fan and parent perspective I think that this is something that works great. As a parent, the kids are so excited about it, it feels special. They’re actually involved in the event so they feel a part of it,” Souza said of having youth players heavily involved in the tournament. Souza, along with the athletics department, is currently working with youth teams from around the area to have them part of the action during the event. Certain youth teams will be able to stand on the blue line with the players during the national anthem and participate in mini competitions on the ice in between periods.

“The NWHL, the National Women’s Hockey League which has started this year, will also be here during the week and they’re going to host their awards ceremony live from the Whittemore Center. They’re going to have their Isobel Cup here, which is the equivalent to the Stanley

Cup, to try and draw their fans here to unite and make it a good experience for everyone,” Souza said.

“Part of one of the packages we offer is a fundraising incentive so people can purchase tickets and part of the proceeds will go back to the Denna Laing Foundation,” said Souza. On top of getting the youth and professional players involved, the athletic department is doing their part to help out the Denna Laing Foundation. Denna Laing suffered a spinal injury in a NWHL game during the Winter Classic at Gillete Stadium this year and has had the support of the hockey community since.

Jon Danos, the senior athletic director for external affairs, explained the reason UNH is hosting the Frozen Four.

“I think the amenities have a lot to do with the choice. Geography, proximity to the most elite programs in the country, the building itself, comfort, capacity, accessibility; all of that plays into it,” Danos said. “We’re really honored to host a significant event that will be televised nationally.”

“These are elite athletes,” Danos said. “Women’s hockey is on the rise and there’s more and more young ladies playing the game and we’re happy to play a part in promoting that.”

Hilary Witt, the head coach of the women’s hockey team, also commented on the significance of the event.

“I think it’s such an amazing event because you bring the best teams and the best players to one venue and can appreciate the sport for what it is, which is a great sport that a lot of people need to see, so being able to host it and bring the best players and teams to UNH to let people see them is a great thing.”

Tickets for the Frozen Four can be purchased at the Whittemore Center Arena Box Office, over the telephone by calling 1-800-745-3000 or through ticketmaster.com.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Elizabeth Belanger: ‘A special player’

By **SAM ROGERS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For four years, Wildcat fans have recognized the No. 5 jersey in blue and white.

Elizabeth Belanger has not only been a star on the court for UNH, but a true leader and a passionate learner off the court. As Belanger winds down her playing career, she’s begun to look back at all the moments and memories in her time as a Wildcat.

Belanger arrived at UNH in 2012, a highly touted, talented freshman. Coming from Acton-Boxborough high school, in Acton, Massachusetts, Belanger knew what it meant to be a star. She was a senior captain for her basketball and volleyball teams. Despite her promise, Belanger was nervous coming to school as a freshman.

“As a freshmen coming into UNH, I really wanted to be able to turn a program around,” Belanger said. “One of my fears lied in the unknown. I’ve watched college basketball all my life before I got to UNH, but I wasn’t quite sure how I was going to fit in because everyone was much stronger, better and faster.”

But fit in she did. Belanger has established herself as one of the best players to come through Durham. Her 1,389 career points and 688 rebounds put her on the all-time leaderboard for Wild-

cat players. Solidifying herself as a star was no accident—Belanger’s competitive nature allowed her to grow into the collegiate player she is.

“I’ve grown up in an extremely competitive family. I think that’s where I get my competitive drive from,” Belanger said.

UNH assistant coach Brendan Copes complimented Belanger’s physical and mental toughness. He cited injuries the Belanger played through and fans never knew about because she refused to be sidelined.

“She will do anything she can to win,” Copes said. “She’s a warrior.”

Her competitive attitude and basketball skills earned Belanger the role of captain for her senior season. Belanger has spread her knowledge and love for the game to the rest of the UNH team by building team chemistry off the court with team bonding activities and by serving as an extra coach on the court.

Basketball has always been Belanger’s passion. Hitting clutch shots, coming up with big rebounds and leading the Wildcats day in and day out is natural for a warrior. But what Belanger does off the court shows her true character.

“Besides basketball, I am involved in SAAC, which is the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. We organize things run on campus and help out with

community service in any way possible,” Belanger said.

“A lot of the community service we do, and the off-the-court stuff, she’s always trying to represent the program and the school in the best way possible,” Copes said.

With one last shot at the America East crown, Belanger remains confident in her team. Whether it’s the first game, mid-season, or playoffs, Copes has noticed that Belanger “always brings the energy”. Going into her last tournament, Belanger remains positive and focused.

“I want to make sure to enjoy every moment. Make sure I leave everything I have on the floor. I believe in every one of my teammates, and I truly believe we can make an unforgettable run in the tournament,” Belanger said.

Belanger’s time as a Wildcat may be winding down, but with a little March Madness, the Wildcats could make the unforgettable run that Belanger referenced. The journey begins on Saturday, when the Wildcats travel to Binghamton for a first round matchup with the Maine Black Bears.

When the game is on the line, as it might be in the America East Tournament, there is one thing Copes has noticed about Belanger.

“She wants the ball,” he said. “That’s why she’s a special player.”

In Brief

Skiing to send 11 to NCAA Championships

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Eleven members of the University of New Hampshire ski program have been selected to participate in the 2016 National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Skiing Championships, which will be held March 9-12 at Mt. Werner and Howelsen Hill in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

The alpine team, under the direction of ninth-year head coach Brian Blank, will send the maximum number of six participants from that discipline. Five skiers—three men and two women—will compete for 34th-year Nordic coach and UNH ski coordinator Cory Schwartz.

Bryan Cookson, Chris Steinke and Jay Ogle will represent the men’s alpine team. The trio finished the season ranked 14th, 15th and 18th in the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) alpine rankings. Ogle is a three-time NCAA qualifier, while Cookson and Steinke will be competing in their first NCAA Championship.

On the women’s side, the alpine team is led by All-American Lisa Wedsjö, who finished the year ranked fifth in EISA. The sophomore placed sixth in the Giant Slalom last season at the NCAA Championship and was a All-East First Team selection this season. Joining her will be Randa Teschner and Geneviève Frigon. Teschner will be competing in her fourth straight NCAA meet and was an All-East Second Team selection this season, finishing ninth overall in EISA. Frigon is the lone freshman qualifier for the ‘Cats after finishing 17th in EISA.

Peter Holmes leads the men’s Nordic team to Colorado. The sophomore is a first-time qualifier and an All-East Second Team selection this season and was the conference’s seventh-ranked skier. Raleigh Goessling and Eirik Fosnaes join Holmes in the Nordic events. Goessling is attending his second NCAA meet, and Fosnaes his fourth. The two were ranked 10th and 12th in the conference and were both All-East Second Team selections.

The women’s Nordic team

sends a pair of juniors to compete at the national meet. Lizzie Gill will be competing at the NCAA meet for the first time, while classmate Katrin Larusson will be attending her third consecutive national championship meet. The duo came in 10th and 11th in EISA’s Nordic rankings, with their top finish earning first place in the classic sprint relay at the Colby Carnival.

Alpine events will run at separate venues in Steamboat Springs. The men’s and women’s giant slaloms will be held March 9 at Mt. Werner, with the men’s and women’s slaloms conducted March 11 at Howelsen Hill.

Nordic events will be held at Howelsen Hill. The women’s 5K and men’s 10K freestyle cross-country races will be conducted March 10. The women’s 15K and men’s 20K classical races will be held March 12.

This year’s skiing championships will be webcast live on NCAA.com. Visit ncaa.com/liveschedule to watch all the action and visit unhwildcats.com for more information on the team.

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PLAYOFF PREVIEW



UNH vs. Merrimack College



Game 1: Thursday at 7 p.m.; Lawler Rink in North Andover, MA
Game 2: Friday at 7 p.m.; Lawler Rink in North Andover, MA
Game 3 (if necessary); Sunday at 7 p.m.; Lawler Rink in North Andover, MA
UNH is 10-18-6; Merrimack is 11-16-7

It's do or die for the Wildcats now. No. 10 UNH will battle it out with the No. 7 Merrimack Warriors in a best-of-three series in the opening round of the Hockey East tournament.

Game one will mark the third time the Wildcats and the Warriors face off this season. UNH holds the season series advantage with a 1-0-1 record. UNH won the first matchup 4-2 on Oct. 31, then tied the second game 3-3 on Nov. 14. Both games were at Lawler Rink.

The Warriors are the hot team coming into the opening round. Last weekend, the

team finished the regular season with a series sweep of Vermont, which secured the seventh seed in Hockey East and the right to host a playoff game. It will be the first time since 2011 the Warriors will play a home playoff game.

The Wildcats on the other hand, ended the regular season in horrible fashion. In a position to capture the eighth seed, UNH failed to defeat UConn and dropped to No. 10 in the conference. The team has now lost three straight heading into playoffs.

The Warriors are strong behind the blue line due to the efforts of their freshman goaltender

Drew Volger. Volger posted a phenomenal .980 save percentage last weekend stopping 49 of 50 shots in two games. His effort earned him his second Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week honor this season.

The Wildcats are currently led by the offensive production of both Andrew Poturalski and Tyler Kelleher. Poturalski finished the regular season with 50 points total, only the fourth Wildcat to do so in the last decade. Kelleher finished just below him with 43 points. However, Kelleher has led the team in points against Merrimack with eight, that included a

goal and two assists in the most recent matchup.

History revealed the Wildcats have bested the Warriors in the postseason. Through the years, UNH is 8-1 in the postseason against Merrimack. In the last matchup, Merrimack defeated UNH in the Hockey East semifinals to advance to its first Hockey East championship in program history.

The goal for UNH in this weekend's opening round is to score first and score often. The Wildcats are 6-2-3 when they have scored the first goal. They're 4-16-3 when they do not.

To put it in perspective, Ara Nazarian scored first for the Wildcats in the first matchup that resulted in a win. Craig Wyzomirski drew first blood in the second matchup for Merrimack and the teams tied. The first goal will be a major tipping point for both teams this weekend.

The road to the TD Garden will go through North Andover, Mass. for the Wildcats. For a live video stream of the game and all of the opening round matchups, visit hockeyeastonline.com. You can also follow sports editor Brian Dunn @bdunny17 this weekend for live updates.

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Regular season points scored by sophomore forward Andrew Poturalski.

TNH Picks

Andrew Yourell, Sports Editor: Merrimack sweeps and makes it look easy.

Brian Dunn, Sports Editor: UNH defeats Merrimack in three games.

Coach Umile's Take:

"We put [UConn] behind us and now you got to focus on everybody's starting a new season. The teams that are playing now, this is the second tier of the league."

Head coach Dick Umile



The New England Patriots parted ways with wide receiver Brandon LaFell and tight end Scott Chandler, cutting both players on Wednesday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dion shoots UNH into semifinals



ANDREW YOURELL/STAFF

Daniel Dion (left) and Ronnel Jordan (right) celebrate after men's basketball sealed its 56-51 win over Binghamton in the first round of the America East Playoffs.

By SAM DONNELLY
STAFF WRITER

For the third time this season the UNH basketball team met the Binghamton Bearcats, and for the third time, the game was ugly.

The difference in the game came not in the offense or defense, but in the little things. UNH used effort down the stretch the win the game. That effort came in the form of offensive rebounds. The Wildcats out-rebounded the Bearcats 13-2 on the offensive glass. Those 13 rebounds led to 16 second chance points for the Wildcats. Binghamton only accounted for two.

"We're obviously very happy we won the game," head coach Bill Herrion said. "I think at this time of the year, when it's kind of one and done, you don't have to evaluate how you played, but we won."

UNH got a 23-point outburst from Daniel Dion, including four three-pointers. Tanner Leissner chipped in with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while the Bearcats were paced by Willie Rodriguez, who finished with 17 points and five rebounds. Freshman Timmy Rose tallied 15 points, eight rebounds and five assists for Binghamton.

The Wildcats struggled early, missing five of their first six shots. They needed a spark offensively. That spark came in the form of the hot-shooting Dion, who scored 11 points in the first half, including two pivotal three pointers.

"My teammates were looking for me a lot while they ran zone in the first half," Dion said. "I was just

ready to shoot on the outside. I've been in a slump this year and to break out of it at this time is a good feeling."

The Wildcats as a team shot just 27.3 percent from the field. If it wasn't for the 5-1 offensive rebounding margin and the 12-4 bench point margin, the Wildcats would very likely have been down heading into the second half.

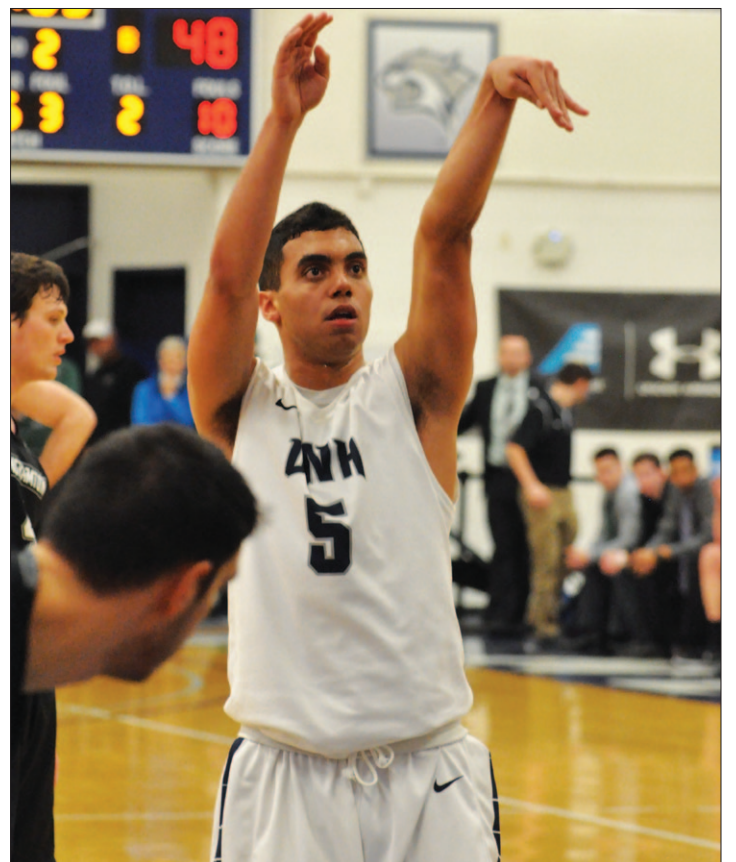
"I was not happy with the first half," Herrion said. "I think you have to give Binghamton a lot of credit defensively. They press, they control tempo, they switch up man and zone and they really keep you off balance."

Rose was a big reason the Bearcats were close in the first half. The freshman guard scored seven points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out two assists. Fellow freshman Everson Davis had 10 points in the first half.

"I thought [Everson and Rose] got places we should not have allowed them to get to," Herrion said. "They hurt us offensively."

The second half was more of the same: A slow, physical slugfest. Binghamton opened the half on a 4-0 run to take the lead 29-27. UNH got two big three-pointers again from Dion to retake the lead. The theme of the half was simple. UNH would stretch the lead to five or six points, then the Bearcats would crawl back into it. The play down low could only be described in one word: physical.

"At the point it is always really physical,"



ANDREW YOURELL/STAFF

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Dion scored 23 points to lead the Wildcats in a tight matchup.